



Minerals Technologies Installs First Fully Automated Scantrol® Laser Refractory Measuring System for Basic Oxygen Furnaces at EVRAZ NTMK in Russia

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NEW YORK, April 5—Minerals Technologies Inc., (**NYSE: MTX**) announced today that it recently engineered and installed its first Scantrol® laser refractory measuring system for basic oxygen steel-making furnaces (BOFs) at the Nizhniy Tagil Metallurgical Plant (NTMK) in the Sverdlovsk region of Russia. NTMK is one of the largest fully integrated steel production facilities in Russia, producing railway goods (wheels and rails) construction products, pipe blanks and semi-finished products. It is a unit of the EVRAZ Group S.A., the fifteenth largest producer of steel in the world.

Minteq International Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Minerals Technologies Inc., integrated its SCANTROL® system with the company's LACAM® laser measuring equipment to provide seamless gunning of refractory material for furnace maintenance in a fully automated approach.

"We are very pleased to work with the EVRAZ NTMK steel mill to provide the first automated maintenance system for basic oxygen steel converters," said Joseph C. Muscari, chairman and chief executive officer of Minerals Technologies.

Han Schut, vice president of Minteq International, explained that the company has done similar installations for Electric Arc Furnaces (EAFs), but that "this is the first time the refractory shooter is directly controlled by the laser readings of the LACAM® unit for BOFs, thereby saving the steel maker both valuable time and refractory material costs in the steel-making process."

Minerals Technologies Inc. is a global resource- and technology-based growth company that develops, produces and markets worldwide a broad range of specialty mineral, mineral-based and synthetic mineral products and related systems and services. The company recorded sales of \$1.04 billion in 2011.

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